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JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2009

Approved
01/20/2010

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	MEMBERS ABSENT, CONT.	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Whitney Engeran-Cordova, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Kyle Baker	Kimberlee Woods	Carolyn Echols-Watson
Lee Kochems, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Carrie Broadus		Jane Nachazel
Ron Osorio	Jeffrey Goodman		Craig Vincent-Jones
	Manuel Negrete	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	
	Stephen Simon		PUBLIC
	Chris Villa	None	Ted Liso
	Kathy Watt		Terry Smith

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- 1) **Agenda:** Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Agenda, 9/16/2009
- 2) **Minutes:** Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Meeting Minutes, 7/15/2009
- 3) **Minutes:** Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Meeting Minutes, 8/19/2009
- 4) **Memorandum:** 2009-2010 Policy and Legislative Agenda, 8/20/2009
- 5) **Policy Brief:** State Budget Cuts Brief #8, Final Results of the State Budget Cuts, 9/14/2009
- 6) **Legislation:** HR 3091: Incentives for increased use of HIV screening tests under the Medicaid Program (Crowley), 6/26/2009
- 7) **Legislation:** S 1446: Incentives to Increase use of HIV Screening Test Under the Medicaid Program (Gillibrand), 7/14/2009
- 8) **Memorandum:** Would Provide Increased Medicaid Coverage for Routine HIV Testing, 7/15/2009
- 9) **Legislation:** S 54: Family law: out-of-state same-sex marriage (Leno), 9/9/2009
- 10) **Legislation:** S 56: California Health Benefits Service Program (Alquist), 1/20/2009
- 11) **Matrix:** Public Policy Issues Docket – 2009, 9/16/2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Kochems called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (*Postponed*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve the 7/15/2009 Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Emergency Meeting Minutes and the 8/19/2009 Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented (*Postponed*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
6. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:** There was no report.
7. **STATE BUDGET:** State Budget Cuts Policy Brief # 8 reference is included in the packet. It was noted that preparations have begun to respond to 2010 anticipated ADAP cuts.

8. **RYAN WHITE REAUTHORIZATION:**

- Congress will not finish legislation by the 9/30/2009 sunset date, but is working on a continuing resolution to maintain system structure. It is hoped legislation consistent with the community consensus document will pass in October 2009.
- ➡ Continue to pressure Congress to finish legislation. Use “reauthorization” as Congress is unfamiliar with “extension.”

9. **PUBLIC BENEFITS:** There was no report.

10. **HEALTH CARE REFORM:**

- The County and Commission are in favor of reform, but have no position due to the complexity of the issue.
- The reform debate has raised the prevention profile. Medicaid is now funding HIV prevention.
- Senator Baucus released a six-person, 200-page summary of his Health Care Reform legislation; no Republicans signed on.

11. **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND STATUS:** The Committee briefly reviewed legislation for consideration at the next meeting.

- A. **HR 3091:** This legislation to incentivize increased use of HIV screening tests is a companion to S 1446.
- B. **S 1446:** This legislation to incentivize increased use of HIV screening tests is a companion to HR 3091.
- C. **Public Policy Docket:** The updated docket was in the packet.
 - I. **SB 54: ~~Health care coverage pricing~~ Family law out-of-state same-sex marriages:** This passed Senate and Assembly. It aligns with JPP support of ending discrimination against infected/affected populations and increasing health care access.
 - II. **SB 56: ~~Health care~~ California Health Benefits Service Program:** This introduces a program to address the increasing number of uninsured Californians and to help align California with health care reform initiatives.
 - III. **AB 221: HIV testing: skin punctures:** This passed unanimously and has been enrolled and will be sent to the Governor’s office for signature. It reduces HIV finger-stick test cost from \$11-\$12 to \$7 by eliminating the need for a phlebotomist. Thirty (30) days after signature the law takes effect, but implementation will be delayed for contracted agencies while testing regulations are revised.
 - IV. **AB 1045: HIV and AIDS reporting:** This was also enrolled preparatory to the Governor’s signature. The Kaiser surveillance legislation was significantly amended and does not pose a threat any longer to surveillance activities.

12. **HIV/STD CONTROL IN THE ADULT FILM INDUSTRY:**

- Mr. Engeran-Cordova reported AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) and others raised this issue of Public Health enforcing current laws related to performer work conditions at a Board meeting several weeks ago. Supervisor Yaroslavsky said the Department of Public Health would report back.
- AHF sued the County to enforce existing law, held a press conference and invited adult film performers to file Cal-OSHA complaints of occupational safety health standards violations. Sixteen were filed. An AHF ad campaign will encourage more.
- Cal-OSHA has indicated it plans strict enforcement and the Adult Film Industry held a conference to craft a response.
- It is known STD rates are higher among adult film performers and that a higher STD rate also increases HIV infection risk.
- AHF is pursuing other options like pressuring large adult film customers, especially hotel chains, to buy pornography with safer sex practices.
- Mr. Engeran-Cordova received approval from AHF to purchase pornography at hotels for review. He found gay pornography commonly used condoms and a disclaimer like, “Sexual activities depicted in this video may be medically harmful. In addition, they are NOT necessarily healthy, safe or suggested.” Straight pornography commonly did not incorporate safe sex practices.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones noted Health Education/Risk Reduction emphasizes risk reduction. This subject is consistent with prevention especially for performers who are often pressured to perform without condoms. It offers an ancillary benefit to the general public by raising the prevention profile.
- He added it was important to maintain focus on the current State legislation which includes other matters like education and training on adult film sets, producers paying for HIV screening and increased OSHA rules and regulations.

13. **FEDERAL ISSUES:** There was no additional discussion.

14. **HIV SURVEILLANCE:** Surveillance is on-going.

15. **PREVENTION:** Mario Pérez, Director, Office of AIDS Programs and Policy, will do a provider update 9/19/2009.

16. **CORRECTIONS:** There was no discussion.

17. **WORK PLAN:** This item was postponed.
18. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.
19. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.